

Amendments to the Specification

Please amend the specification, as follows:

Page 1, line 1, replace the title paragraph with the following amended paragraph:

PNEUMATIC TYRE ~~WITH SIDEWALL REINFORCEMENT~~
INCLUDING AT LEAST ONE REINFORCING LAYER

Page 1, line 4, delete the paragraph “Description” in its entirety:

Page 1, line 5, add the following paragraph in the form of a section heading after the title “PNEUMATIC TYRE INCLUDING AT LEAST ONE REINFORCING LAYER” and prior to the paragraph beginning “The present invention relates to pneumatic tyres”

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

Page 1, line 5, add the following new paragraph after the heading “CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS” added above and prior to the paragraph beginning “The present invention relates to pneumatic tyres”

This application is a national-phase entry under 35 U.S.C. § 371 from International Application No. PCT/IB2002/005537, filed December 20, 2002, in the International Bureau of

the World Intellectual Property Organization, the content of which is relied upon and incorporated herein by reference.

Page 1, line 5, add the following new paragraph in the form of a section heading after the cross-reference to related applications added above and prior to the start of the paragraph beginning “The present invention relates to pneumatic tyres”

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Page 1, line 5, add the following new paragraph in the form of a section subheading after the heading “BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION” added above and prior to the start of the paragraph beginning “The present invention relates to pneumatic tyres”

Field of the Invention

Page 1, line 8, add the following new paragraph in the form of a section subheading prior to the start of the paragraph beginning “A traditional tyre comprises”

Description of the Related Art

Page 5, line 10, add the following new paragraph in the form of a section heading prior to the start of the paragraph beginning “The Applicant could ascertain”

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Page 7, line 32, add the following new paragraph in the form of a section heading prior to the start of the paragraph beginning “Further features and advantages”

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Page 8, line 12, add the following new paragraph in the form of a section heading prior to the start of the paragraph beginning “In the following reference”

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE EXEMPLARY EMBODIMENTS

Add a new page 24 after the claims, adding the following ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE. A new, separate page 24 including the ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE is enclosed.

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A pneumatic tyre for a vehicle wheel includes a toroidal carcass, a tread band, a belt structure, and at least one reinforcing layer associated with the carcass. The carcass includes at least one carcass ply having a substantially continuous right-section profile. The carcass has a central crown portion and two axially opposite sidewalls. Each sidewall terminates with a bead for mounting the tyre on a corresponding rim. Each bead includes at least one reinforcing core.

The tread band is disposed crownwise, coaxially extending around the carcass, and includes a raised pattern for rolling contact with the ground. The belt structure is coaxially interposed between the carcass and the tread band. The tyre has a size ratio f/H less than 0.2:1. The at least one reinforcing layer is disposed radially external to a point of maximum axial width of the carcass and axially external to the belt structure.